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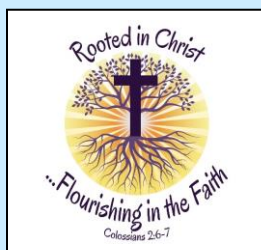


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## Dates to Remember:

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### District Convention

June 15-17, 2018  
 Spokane, Washington

### LWML Convention

June 20-23, 2019  
 Mobile, Alabama

## Greetings from LWML Washington-Alaska District PRESIDENT Marie Chow



It is always a privilege and honor to represent you at different events. In October, I was at the Reformation 500 at Overlake Christian Church where Lutherans from all over Western Washington (although I know there were people from Yakima) attended the service celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.



It was great to see lots of sisters and brothers in Christ there, especially my LWML sisters. It was also wonderful to talk to people who were interested in LWML. A Canadian LWML sister stopped by to say "hi" and took some resources to use at her LWML group. We had a couple of women who were interested in starting an LWML group at

their church. Many of you stopped by to say "hi!" Thank you for doing that! It was great to see you!

I look forward to June 2018 when I will see many of you again at our district convention in Spokane. Make plans to attend! The call to the convention is in this issue. More details will be coming in the bulk mailing that your society receives in February and in the next issue of the *Evergreen Echoes*.

As we enter the new year, remember to continue to use your time and talent at church, at work, at home, and in the LWML, as together, we serve and share His love with others to His glory.

Serving Christ with You,

*Marie Chow*

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# DISTRICT COUNSELOR

Rev. Timothy Winterstein, Senior Pastoral Counselor–East

There's a song by the musician Sara Groves called "Setting Up the Pins," part of which goes like this:

"Everyone everywhere some way some how / are setting up the pins for knocking 'em down. / You can find joy in the fertile ground / Setting up the pins and knocking 'em down. / You can try to fight it till you're anger drowned. / Setting up the pins."

I heard this song again not long after the district retreat in Gig Harbor, and it seemed to fit very well. Doesn't it seem like that sometimes? We set up the pins of our lives and then we knock them down, before we do it all over again.

While it can sometimes seem repetitive, mundane, and meaningless, the teaching of vocation reminds us that the things we are called upon to do every single day are anything but worthless. We serve children, grandchildren, neighbors, members of our congregations, customers, and so many others. St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15 that since Christ is risen from the dead, we too will rise since we are in that risen Christ. And that means that everything we do — because we are in Christ — is not and cannot be in vain. The common has become the uncommon and the ordinary has become the extraordinary. Every work done in Christ is a good work, and it is all suffused with the eternal life of that same Jesus.

"Everyone everywhere some way some how / are setting up the pins for knocking 'em down. / It can feel simple but it's really profound. / Setting up the pins.

... Cook a dinner, clean the kitchen, hit the light. / Brush your teeth, read a book, say a prayer goodnight."

Or, as Luther put it, after praying his evening prayer: "Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer."

## Leader Development Committee

Charli Hamaker, Chairman

### Leader "Speak" — What Words Describe a Leader for You?

Responsible	Resourceful	Influential	Mentoring	Motivational	Effective
Energetic	Empowered	Innovative	Decisive	Inspirational	Focused

A friend of mine recently told me she just does not want to be a leader at this time in her life. She does not want to take on any position where she has to be responsible to plan a program and carry out the duties of an office of leadership. As a recent retiree, I can totally relate. I just want to laze around and play all day. The list of words above, describing some traits of a leader, sound just too serious even to contemplate.

How about these words describing a leader instead:

Hopeful	Humble	Loving	Joyful	Humorous	Friendly	Fun
Engaging	Growing	Spiritual	Creative	Welcoming	Honest	Calm
Sharing	Available	Intuitive	Open	Positive	Compassionate	

I suspect that if you, as a leader or potential leader, operate from the second list of words, the first list of words will soon also describe you as a leader. Your leadership will come from a joyful, creative space instead of one of dread because you have taken the responsibility of being a leader too seriously. Do not take that to mean that you should not commit to the job of being a leader, but rather bring to it the joy Christ has given us through His grace and peace.



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District

*Office of the President*

### 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial District Convention Official Call

**TO:** All LWML Washington-Alaska District Members, Pastors, and Friends

**FROM:** Marie Chow, District President

**DATES:** Friday, June 15, 2018, 7 p.m. — Sunday, June 17, 2018, 12 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park  
303 West North River Drive  
Spokane, Washington 99201  
509-326-8000

**THEME:** Rooted in Christ ... Flourishing in the Faith  
Colossians 2:6-7

#### GOAL STATEMENT

Rooted in Jesus my Lord and empowered by the Holy Spirit, my life, through faith, overflows with gratitude and service to Him.

#### CONVENTION OBJECTIVES

Convention attendees are given opportunities for and motivated to:

- Praise and worship God in thanksgiving for His love and for His Son;
- Continue to be established in the faith; and
- Share the faith with those near and far.

Watch the *Evergreen Echoes*, our website, and the mail in 2018 for the latest information!

See you there!



*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,  
rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,  
abounding in thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6-7).*

## VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

Cristina McAnulty

Gigi Lutz, **Mission Grants Committee** member

The LWML Washington-Alaska District Mission Grant biennium theme is “75 Years of LWML Mites in Motion.” The Mission Grants Committee members pray that everyone continues to support the mission grants with mite donations. Currently, over \$50,000 of the district 2016-2018 biennium mission grant goal of \$90,000 has been paid. Updated grant information can be found at the district website, [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org), along with grant highlights and prayers. Please use this information to spotlight mite collections at your churches. Please be consistent in prayers and in sending mites. Remember that every penny counts and is a blessing to those being supported as you donate mites.

Just an important reminder to all: **All MITES** collected in societies and zones **MUST** be sent to the District Financial Secretary Donna Chow. Her mailing information can be found on the roster at the end of this newsletter. Please make sure that this information is shared with the treasurer in each society and zone.

The Mission Grants Committee has received over 20 mission grant proposals for the 2018-2020 biennium. These proposals will be prayerfully considered for presentation at the district convention in June 2018 for the delegates' voting.

Cristina and Gigi pray that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday and had a wonderfully blessed Christmas with families and friends. Thank you and continued blessings as another church year begins with the celebration of our Savior's birth.

## Scholarship Committee

Judy Ikerd, Chairman

Thank you to the members of the LWML Washington-Alaska District and others who have generously given your mites. Mite offerings continue to help the LWML “serve the Lord with gladness.”

Among the grants supported by mites is a grant for scholarships for individuals preparing to become ministers, teachers, deaconesses, or other full time church workers by attending synodical schools. This year the district has given scholarships to the five students listed below.

The need for workers to proclaim the gospel is great. Current ministers, teachers, and other church workers retire or leave the ministry. The cost of tuition, books and other educational materials, and living continues to increase. Scholarships from the LWML help support students and offset the increasing costs. Scholarships also encourage LWML members to pray for and encourage recipients. They show students we care about them.

Please continue to support scholarships with your mites. The number of LCMS congregations needing a pastor continues to rise while the number of men becoming pastors and the number of men and women training to be other church workers falls. Let potential candidates know you care and want to help them. To support more students, consider donating directly to the district scholarship fund. A memorial donation is a beautiful way to honor a loved one. A donation from a zone, society, or individual can fund a scholarship that helps change a potential student to a student preparing to serve.

### Scholarship Recipients for 2017-2018

**Rick McCafferty** — Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) Program at  
*Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri*

**Evan Scamman** — *Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana*

**James Pierce** — *Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana*

**Michele Musegades** — Deaconess Program at *Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri*

**Hannah Freeman** — Music Program at *Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin*



## Mission Servants Committee

Marilyn Schaefer, Chairman

Once again — make that twice — the Lord has enabled the LWML Washington-Alaska District to show His love by our sharing of His blessings through Gifts from the Heart.



From the district retreat at Gig Harbor, more than 300 towels and washcloths, 150 soaps, 41 pounds dry and 193 cans of cat food, 85 pounds of cat litter, 72 packages of cat toys, five

litter boxes, and many other kitten related items were given to the Mission Creek Corrections Center in Belfair, Washington. The items are used by inmates in the center's therapy program to nurse sick and abandoned kittens back to health so that the kittens can be adopted.

When the Washington-Alaska District Board of Directors met November 3-4 at Zion Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Washington, the attendees collected gifts for the Tacoma Center of Care Net of Puget Sound. Diapers, cereal, baby food, baby toiletries, a sound machine, and \$210 were given to help the agency provide pregnancy and family services to its clients.

The Mission Servants Committee is making plans for the district convention June 15-17, 2018, in Spokane, Washington. Two servant events will be held Friday afternoon, as well as a Gifts from the Heart Ingathering.

May the Lord continue to bless this district in sharing His gifts with neighbors, and may the LWML continue to glorify Him in all that is done.

## Short Term Missions Committee

Twyla Mitson, Chairman

Have you ever considered going on a short term mission, but unsure if you are able to afford to go?

The LWML Washington-Alaska Short Term Missions Committee is here to help you with that dream. Funding is still available from the district short term missions grant that was selected at the LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention in June 2016 to fund such activities.

In previous years, women of the LWML Washington-Alaska District have been helped in taking mission trips to Alaska, Guatemala, and Africa. There are currently two applicants, but funds are still available for YOU. The committee would love to help you through the grant to serve the Lord as you go on a short term mission.

Application forms were sent to all zone presidents as well as included in the last bulk mailing. The application is also available for downloading from the district website, [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org). If you have questions or need an application sent to you, you may contact Twyla Mitson directly. Her contact information is on the roster page of this newsletter.

**The deadline to submit the Short Term Mission Application is February 28, 2018.**

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For distribution on the district prayer chain,  
send prayer petitions to:

**[lwml.wa.ak.prayer.requests@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.wa.ak.prayer.requests@gmail.com).**  
Vice President of Christian Life Rhonda Ries  
is moderator of the prayer chain.

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## Our History Back "In the Day"

After being part of the **Washington-Oregon-Idaho District** since 1942, this district then became the **WASHINGTON DISTRICT** in 1958 with 81 societies in six zones. The new district's first convention was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Olympia, Washington, with Mrs. Edna Molden as president.

At the board meeting in November 1958, a committee called **The Hospice (Hospitality) Committee** was formed. This committee greeted and assisted missionaries and their families as they passed through Seattle to or from the Far East. Sometimes money was given for a meal or for help with transportation. Usually there were two or three greeters to assist with the welcome.

## Archivist-Historian

Nancy Wyckoff



*And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord  
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father  
through him (Col. 3:17).*

The 2017 LWML Washington-Alaska District Retreat was Friday to Sunday, September 29 - October 1, at the Best Western Wesley Inn & Suites in Gig Harbor, Washington. The retreat was attended by 124 people who learned about vocation through the theme, "Called to Be..." Pastors Timothy Winterstein and Daniel Freeman led attendees through three sessions of a biblically based look at how God works through the various roles in people's lives to serve others. The pastors also officiated the three worship services.

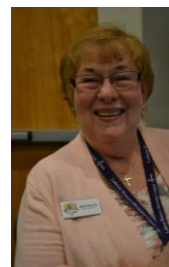
Friday night started with introduction, singing, ice breaker activities which included pairing prayer partners and some prizes. The evening ended with The Order of Evening Prayer service.

After the Bible study sessions, Saturday afternoon allowed for some free time. The buffet-style luncheon and dinner meals were prepared by the resident catering duo. That night was a Trivia Night when people remembered (correctly, sometimes!) and learned more about LWML, Luther and the Reformation, hymns, the color purple, and other categories. The Order of Compline completed the busy day.

Scarves, a couple of gorgeous handmade purses, and an old district convention banner/quilt were donated so attendees could give a mite donation if they so desired. For those items, \$1,582.22 in mites were collected. The Sunday worship offering that also went to mites was \$1,288.00 for a grand total of \$2,870.22! The ingathering at the retreat benefited a program at Mission Creek Corrections Center in Belfair, Washington. Read about what was collected in the Mission Servants Committee article on page 5. What generosity and love for the Lord!

On Sunday the retreat closed with more singing and the Divine Service with Holy Communion.

The retreat had been organized by Vice President of Christian Life Rhonda Ries and the Christian Life committee. See photographs of the retreat on this page and pages 10-11. More photos can be viewed on the district website.





## Structure Committee

Sandy Geisler, **VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES**

Has a situation like this happened in your zone or society meeting?

Melissa has resigned as vice president because she and her husband Al are moving to Wisconsin.

"Oh, no! Who will take over her responsibilities?"

"Maybe Jackie will do it ... or ...."

Having your zone and society bylaws up-to-date will take care of that issue. Current bylaws will help resolve issues you have probably not thought about for a long time.

Take the time to REVIEW and RENEW your society and zone bylaws today. Doing so should not take long, and your mind will be at ease.

### 2016-2018 Washington-Alaska District Grant Helping in Tacoma

Thank you to the LWML Washington-Alaska District from Lake Washington Zone for the \$2,000 grant being used by the Puget Sound Youth Board for the yearly Holiday Hospitality for the Homeless event. The grant was selected by delegates at the district convention in 2016 at Everett, Washington.

The youth board is in its ninth year of encouraging youth and their leaders to do a "day of serving" between Christmas and New Year's Day. Zion Lutheran Church in Tacoma is the gathering place. From there, activities of the event reach out to the Tacoma Rescue Mission, Adam's Family Shelter, and a local food bank.

At the church, members made up sandwich bags (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cookies, candy, and card of encouragement) which were then distributed at the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Hygiene kits were put together and taken to the food bank. The kits will be given to families in the new year. The youth are being given a hands-on experience with homeless and others who come to the food bank.

Thank you again for granting the funds for this experience and great day of serving others.

### WASHINGTON-ALASKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS NOVEMBER 3-4, HELD AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON



Gifted to  
*Serve*



# Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Allison Akahoshi, Chairman

Who is in charge? We all know the answer, but sometimes we need to be reminded.

As chairman of the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, I was still looking for a committee member this summer. On my way to Albuquerque for the LWML convention, I was sitting at the airport when the lady who sat down across from me said, “I think we’re going to the same place.” And it turned out we were staying at the same hotel! We saw each other a few times during the convention. On our way to our homes, we were on the same flight (which we never got on). We both eventually made it home. Then, Marie Chow emailed me one day to see if I had a potential committee member in mind. It was after that when I recognized my “God sighting!” God put a person in my life several times; and she was the person I wanted to be on the committee.

Later, I was reviewing in my mind what I still had to do as chairman and was fretting that I had not met enough women who might want to participate. Well, upon my arrival at the registration table at the Washington-Alaska District retreat, I was greeted by a lady who wanted to introduce me to a potential Sister to attend the district convention. They made room for me at their table so I was able to get acquainted with her.

So, who is in charge? Well, it is certainly not me! Remember, look around and recognize what God is doing.

## Teen Committee

Elizabeth Cook, **VICE PRESIDENT of SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES**

Is your LWML planning any mission activities for the holiday season? Will any of the activities fall during the school break time? Have you thought about reaching out to the teens in your congregation to come and enjoy?

Because of the interruption of the usual routine during this time of year, a golden opportunity exists for helping the teens in your church see a piece with which they might not yet be familiar. Feel empowered to reach out specifically to the teens. Possibly contact the junior high and high school Sunday school teachers about issuing an invitation directly to the teens during a few Sundays before the event. Be sure to have a small talk about what LWML is as part of the event. This is great for not just the women who already know, but for anyone who is feeling inspired to contribute this holiday season. Jesus is the reason, not just for this season, but also for the desire to be Lutheran Women in Mission serving the Lord with gladness! Help share that reason with the teens in our congregations!

## Young Women Committee

Marilee Ryan, Chairman

The Young Women Committee is excited about planning activities for the young women attending the district convention next June in Spokane. Young women, ages 18 to 35, will bond with each other as they learn about LWML — observing business, having fun, participating in servant events, visiting the exhibits, and studying devotions. With your encouragement, the young women will be strengthened by the heartfelt joy and fellowship in the company of other Christian women.

*Some younger women may believe that you need to have an AARP card to be a member of LWML, or at least have “natural” gray hair!* Put that thought aside! Encourage, invite, and welcome the young women of your church to learn about and to join in LWML events.

God has blessed the women of the LWML with a wonderful organization, and your help is requested to get the word out to younger women — and to all women in your congregation.

Convention information and registration forms will be available soon. Please encourage the young women of your societies with personal invitations for them to experience the blessings and joy that we all receive through LWML and at convention.



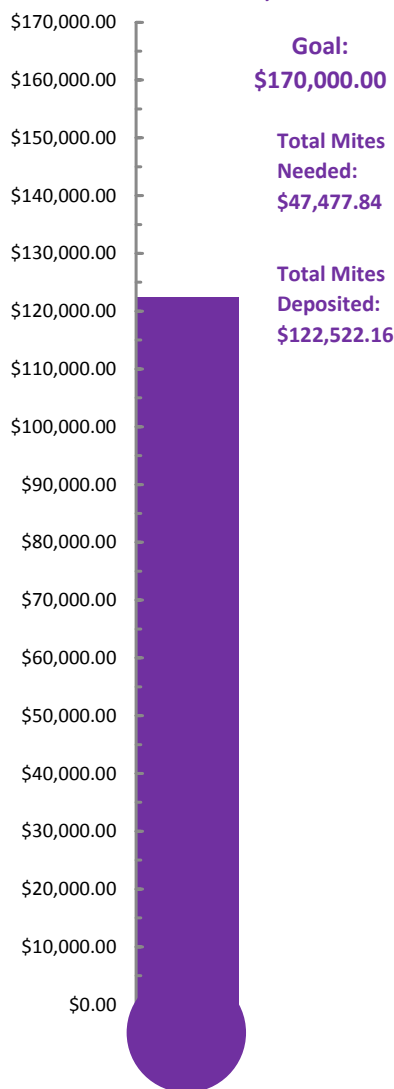
# FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Donna Chow

# PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Janet Rust, Director

## 2016-2018 Mites as of October 31, 2017



## Societies and Zones:

When elections are held in societies and zones, **remember** to send a copy of the updated roster to **Corresponding Secretary Linda Miller**. Her contact information is found in the roster of this newsletter.

The new LWML logo, shared in the fall issue of the *Evergreen Echoes*, emphasizes God's love, His Son's sacrifice, and the cross lifted high over all, defining and refreshing the focus for Lutheran Women in Mission.



The LWML Washington-Alaska District continues to enjoy its beautiful and colorful logo, which shows the cross with majestic purple mountains highlighted against the sky and bordered by the state flowers that represent the four states that have LWML societies in the district. Besides societies in Washington and Alaska, the district takes in societies along

Washington's borders in Idaho and northeast Oregon. Four state flowers decorate the logo: the blue Alaskan Alpine Forget-Me-Not, the white Syringa from Idaho, the yellow Oregon Grape, and the pink Washington Coast Rhododendron

The current district logo has been used since 2001 and is a perfect representation for the area and focus on Jesus the Savior. See the district website for more information on the district logo.

### Did you also know these flower tidbits?

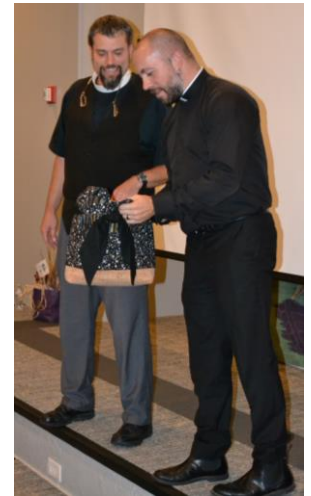
- Forget-Me-Not flowers are fragrant in the evening and nighttime but have little or no scent in the daytime.
- The white Syringa has small flowers that grow in clusters on woody shrubs that grow up to ten feet tall!
- The blue berries of the Oregon Grape are edible, not tasting like grapes, but rather are very tart.
- Coast Rhododendrons are pink to rose-purple but rarely white with clusters of 20 or more blooms; it is an excellent flowering large evergreen shrub for the temperate landscape.

## Quarterly Manager

LeeAnn Tibbals

Renewal subscriptions for *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for 2018 were due by December 1. A renewal letter was sent to each church's mailbox. If your society has not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible. Do not let your society miss out on the articles, news, and Bible studies in the *Quarterly*. If your society needs assistance with subscription renewal, contact LeeAnn Tibbals with zone, church, and city. She can email an electronic letter for your society. See her contact information in the roster of this newsletter.









## Shami Comfort Dog Laid to Rest

A special guest at the 2016 LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention in Everett was Shami Comfort Dog. The golden retriever was accompanied by her main handler and caregiver Toni Bazon-Forsberg. Part of the Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) mission of 130 dogs, the Comfort Dogs travel to places of disaster to minister to those affected. Shami was part of the ministry of St. John Lutheran Church in Darien, Illinois. Her personal Bible verse was 1 John 4:7.

Sadly, Shami died October 17 with her friends by her side. She had been diagnosed with cancer in September 2016. Shami was a few months shy of her ninth birthday in January. Outliving her prognosis by many months with the help of chemotherapy and love from others, Shami continued her mission of comfort until shortly before her death. Now her LCC blue vest with "Please Pet Me" on top will be folded neatly away. On Shami's Facebook page, Toni wrote of Shami, "She was a happy girl all the way who helped people share love with each other. Dogs do not ask where you have been or recall past mistakes, but waggingly say, 'I am glad to see you. Let me love you!'"

Read more about LCC Comfort Dogs and the other canine ministries of Kare 9 Military Ministry and K-9 Police Ministry at the LCC website [www.lutheranchurchcharities.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org).



## Please copy this issue for the women in your church!

For black and white copies, print the pages in grayscale for copying on a copy machine. Or print out all the copies in color!

If you would like to receive colored newsletter issues via email, contact Circulation Manager Denise Crawford. Her contact information is on the roster page.



## ZONE NEWS

### Hood Canal Zone

Susan Abbe, President

Hood Canal Zone held its fall rally at Faith Lutheran Church in Kingston, Washington. The theme was "Abiding in Christ" based on the verse, *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing* (John 15:5).

There were 35 total people in attendance including Pastor Ernie Savage and Pastor Rob Stroud, guest speaker Salvation Army Major Scott Ramsey, and Washington-Alaska District representative Elizabeth Cook. The mite offering was \$114 and registration was \$130.

The service was worshipful and thought provoking. Thank you, Pastor Savage, for officiating. The meditation from Pastor Stroud hit the mark. The information from Major Ramsey was eye-opening to the joys and challenges of serving the homeless. It is good to know that so much is being offered by the Salvation Army to assist those in need. What a blessing it was to see how much was donated by the women of the zone for the ingathering to benefit that ministry!

It was a pleasure to see everyone and enjoy worshipping and fellowshiping together.



## Blue Mountain Zone

Wilma Gardner, President

## Inter-Valley Zone

Pam Rafferty, President

The Blue Mountain and Inter-Valley Zones met collectively on Saturday, October 7, for an *LWML Convention Watch Party* at Messiah Lutheran in Prosser.

Thirty-eight participants enjoyed a presentation by Washington-Alaska District Young Woman Representative Grace McDuff on her experience at the Albuquerque convention as well as LWML convention highlights, special music, and district greetings from President Marie Chow. The upcoming 2018 Spokane convention information and opportunities to serve on the host committee were discussed. The ladies from both zones enjoyed meeting together and future joint zone events will be considered.

## Lake Washington Zone

Ruth Ann Shimoi, President

Lake Washington Zone did not have a fall rally. October was a very full month for the churches of the zone ... so Saturday, January 20, 2018, will be the rally and joyshop at Zion Lutheran Church in Auburn, Washington. The zone will hold elections, hear from District President Marie Chow, and conduct other business that happens during a rally. The joyshop plans have not been finalized. It is my prayer, as I have been going to the churches in the zone, I will have names of ladies who will represent each society at the district convention next June!!

In my presentations about the district convention, I have been emphasizing the “E’s” of the convention: Encourage, Engage, Equip, and Empower. The mantra of the many societies has been, “Our society is small; we cannot get more women; etc. ....” Therefore there is a need to encourage the women because much still gets done with a few as they are engaged in the project, they are equipped through coming together and they are empowered by our Creator to do good works. May this be so throughout the district!

## Mount Baker Zone

Sorena Brusseau, President

### Mount Baker Zone Goes to Germany

The Mount Baker Zone fall rally was at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marysville, Washington, on October 21. Pastor Onken began with a devotion titled, “Reflections on the Reformation.” He presented a photo tour of Saint Mary’s Church. We also learned that the letters VDMA mean “*the word of the Lord endures forever.*” The Lutherans of 16th century would embroider VDMA on their hats and clothing.

Carol Coerber then took the group on a trip to Germany. Starting in eastern Germany to see Saint Anne’s Church where Luther stayed, the tour was off to Bavaria to see the Erfurt Cathedral. The cathedral is very large with a beautiful organ inside. The pictures of Wartburg Castle, which was built in 1097, just made everyone want to go and see that historic site in person. There were pictures of the rustic study where Martin Luther translated the Bible into German. Finally, the last stop was Wittenberg Castle where Martin Luther wrote “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.” Carol made us all want to take that historic vacation to Germany to learn more about Martin Luther.

Pastor Onken did a presentation on the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). The ladies learned the history the LHF and its goal to put Lutheran books into the hands of people around the world. An idea – invite the LHF to send someone to do a presentation for your society or church.

The lunch was, of course, German bratwurst, potato salad, and pickled beets with cupcakes for dessert. Thank you, ladies of Messiah Lutheran, Marysville!

*Reported by Betty Rich, Mount Baker Zone Secretary*



## North Columbia Zone

Sandi Hall, President

## South Columbia Zone

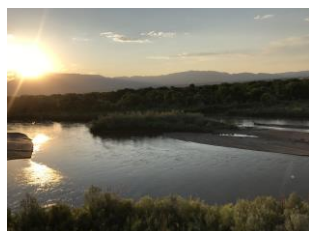
MaryLynn Huntwork, President

On September 16 in Okanogan, Washington, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, North Columbia Zone and South Columbia Zone held a 50th anniversary celebration rally. The theme was "Flower Power Lessons Learned from God's Garden." Sandi Schauer and Ella Kunkel were

the guest presenters and led the Bible study. Approximately 45 people were in attendance.

This was a joint effort with two zones since they were one zone fifty years ago. In 1967 Columbia Zone became North and South due to size and distance. Eleanor Gausman honored the attendees with her presence since she was the zone president at the time. Ina Visser was also in attendance. She was a zone officer as was Deanna Mae Visser. The group was pleasantly surprised when the District Counselor Pastor Tim Winterstein from North Columbia Zone accepted the invitation to come since he is the grandson of Pastor Winterstein who was the zone counselor in 1967.

After the Bible study, everyone participated in the servant event of cutting plastic bags to make *plarn* (plastic yarn) to make crocheted mats for the homeless. Even the four pastors in attendance (Winterstein, Bowes, Neider, and Moore) took part in the event, and they seemed to enjoy it. President Marie attended, giving her district report and presenting the videos of the new LWML logo. A large display showed pictures and memorabilia of the last 50 years. It was a great rally. In particular, thank you, MaryLynn Huntwork, for your contributions and hard work to help make this happen.



Albuquerque sunset



From Deb: *After a wonderful welcome at the airport, and a much needed bottle of water, I and other LWML ladies were bussed off to our hotels in Albuquerque to get ready for the 37<sup>th</sup> LWML Biennial Convention. Or as some called it — the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention!! Some of the highlights for me were a breathtaking early morning hot air balloon ride, taking communion with over 3,500 women and men, wonderful food, and a Saturday night Diamond Dazzle Celebration!! The convention was all topped off with an awesome Sunday morning worship service. The convention theme was "Jesus Christ Above All!" The theme was based on Philippians 2:9.*

From left: Marilee Ryan, Deb Jones, MaryLynn Huntwork

## Rainier Zone

Deb Jones, President

Rainier Zone had its zone rally October 14 at Prince of Peace (POP) Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Washington. The theme was "The righteous will live by faith," from Romans 1:17 NIV. There were over 50 people in attendance, sharing in a wonderful Bible study led by Pastor Warmbier on Hebrews Chapter 10. The afternoon concluded in a fantastic lunch prepared by the ladies at POP!



## SOCIETY CORNER

### Lydia Guild

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Richland, Washington  
*Blue Mountain Zone*



The LWML Society of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Richland, Washington, celebrated LWML Sunday with a Sunday service on September 24. Then on the following Friday, the society cohosted an "Old Fashioned Lutheran Pot Luck" for the congregation. Forty-five members and friends attended the meal and took part in the wonderful food, fellowship, and informational program about LWML at all levels from the local society to the national.

Linda Einspahr, president



### Priscillas Society

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bellingham, Washington  
*Mount Baker Zone*



October 15 was LWML Sunday at Trinity. Society members assisted at all three worship services as scripture readers, ushers, and greeters. They also handed out bulletins and served cake following the services. Quilts tied by the Busy Hands Quilters and Ladies Aid adorned the pews for Trinity's traditional Blessing of the Quilts. The quilts are destined for charities and birth centers. Displayed at the front of Trinity's sanctuary this year was the beautiful LWML banner 2017 made by Carole Rauch, past secretary of the Priscillas and an accomplished quilter.

When November arrives each year, Trinity's Priscillas prepare for Cheese Ball sales. The ladies have a wonderful time gathering in the church kitchen on Friday mornings to weigh, shape, wrap,

and label the cheese balls in an assembly line for sale after services on Sundays. It is the society's major fund raising project. The congregation loves the cheese balls and is very supportive of this Thanksgiving and Christmas season tradition. Pictured at right are Priscillas members working the cheese ball assembly line.



Terry Peterson and Jeanne Arntzen, co-presidents  
*Article from Mary Miller, secretary*



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.



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**Save the date! See you there!**

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Colossians 2:6-7

Selecting mission grants

Strengthening fellowship with  
sisters in Christ

Singing God's praises joyfully  
with meaningful Bible study

Attending worship services

Working on servant events

Hearing how mites are used